

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES –AUGUST 11, 2022**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on **August 11, 2022** at 6:00 p.m. at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph Street. This was an OPEN MEETING, open to the public, subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Texas and, as required by law, was duly posted, at the Gonzales Municipal Building, giving notice of time, date, place, and agenda thereof. The meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet were posted online at www.gonzales.texas.gov.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Sucher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was certified.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Steve Sucher	Mayor	Present
Joseph Kridler	Council Member, District 1	Absent
Sherri Koepp	Council Member, District 2, Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Bobby O’Neal	Council Member, District 3	Present
Ronda Miller	Council Member, District 4	Present

STAFF PARTICIPATING:

Tim Patek-City Manager, Kristina Vega-City Secretary, Tim Crow-Police Chief, Jennifer Kolbe-Economic Development Director, Laura Zella-Finance Director, Todd Remschel-Street Director, Ralph Camarillo-Parks Director, Marland Mercer-Wastewater Director, Billy Rhoades-Building Maintenance Superintendent

CITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announcements of upcoming City Events-John Coale of the Airport Advisory Board stated that the Airport Fly-In is scheduled for October 22, 2022 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor-Mayor Sucher acknowledged volunteer members of the community and City staff for jobs well done.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Mark Ainsworth, Bill Sheppard spoke in regards to the river access and safety at the river.

Sarah Rivera Resident Service Coordinator at the Country Village Apartments spoke about Senior Citizen Day and the importance of the senior citizens in the community.

Dr. Avellaneda, Superintendent of Gonzales ISD spoke on behalf of reviving the Summer Youth Program and possible partnership between GISD and the City to facilitate the program.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Consent Agenda is considered self-explanatory and will be enacted by the Council with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless they are removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of the Mayor or a Councilmember.

- 1.1 **Minutes** - Approval of the minutes for the July 14, 2022 Regular Meeting
- 1.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-77** Approving a Performance Agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Renschel Customs, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company, Regarding Improvements to property generally located at 925 Oilpatch Lane
- 1.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-78** Approving a Termination of Original Agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Sheilah Kay Restaurants, LLC, d/b/a Baker Boys BBQ, a Texas Limited Liability Company

ACTION: Items 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3

APPROVED

Council Member Koepp moved to approve the consent agenda items 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 2.1 Public Hearing, Discussion & Possible Action on River Access at the City of Gonzales Hydroelectric Dam; discussions include but are not limited to public access to the river back; recreational fishing locations south along the river and north of the Hydroelectric Dam; safety measures at the sites; dangers; warning devices or signage and fencing

Mayor Sucher opened the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m.

John Batros and Melissa Parker stated that they were present to represent the Texas Parks and Wildlife division to answer any questions and hear the issues and concerns regarding the river.

Thomas Enriquez, Dale Schellenberg, Eddie Halamicek spoke regarding the safety and their concerns regarding the Guadalupe River at Independence Park.

Mayor Sucher closed the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

- 3.1 Discuss, Consider and Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-79** Taking a Record Vote on Setting the Preliminary Maximum Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and Scheduling a Public Hearing

ACTION: Items 3.1

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2022-79** Taking a Record Vote on Set the Preliminary Maximum Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to \$0.3117 and Scheduled a Public Hearing for September 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

3.2 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-80** Authorizing the Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor Sucher recused himself from the discussion. Mayor Pro-Tem presented the item to the City Council.

ACTION: Items 3.2

POSTPONED

Mayor Pro-Tem Koepp requested to move the Resolution #2022-80 Authorizing the Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission to a future meeting until all members of the City Council could be present. Council Member Miller motioned to postpone Resolution 2022-80 until a future date. Council Member O’Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Koepp called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 3 to 0.

3.3 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-81** Approving the Amended Bylaws of Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, A Type B Economic Development Corporation

ACTION: Items 3.3

APPROVED

Council Member O’Neal moved to approve **Resolution #2022-81** Approving the Amended Bylaws of Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, A Type B Economic Development Corporation. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. For: Unanimous. The motion passed 4 to 0.

3.4 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action on **Resolution #2022-82** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Publicity and Tourism Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for the hosting and operations of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce

ACTION: Items 3.4

APPROVED

Council Member Miller moved to approve **Resolution #2021-82** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Publicity and Tourism Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for the hosting and operations of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce. Council Member O’Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 4 to 0.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

4.1 Finance Director presented the financials for:

- Financial Reports for funds as of July 31, 2022
- Cash & Investment by Fund as of July 31, 2022

No questions were asked.

4.2 City Manager, Tim Patek updated the City Council on the following:

- District 3 Clean-up
- Drought Contingency Plan
- Golf Course Closures

- Timeline on Capital Improvement Projects
 - Recently Completed Projects
 - Projects Currently in Process
 - Upcoming Projects

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council convened into closed session at 6:58 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

5.1 (1) Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session with its attorney to receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter”, to include the following matters:

- A) Delinquent Hotel Motel Tax Collection
 - Alcalde Hotel; Versatile Lodging, Inc.

(2) Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Gonzales will consult in closed session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person:

- A) Oil and Gas Leases

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 7:10 p.m. to allow the representative for the delinquent Hotel Motel Tax collection item to speak.

No comments were made.

RECONVENED INTO CLOSED SESSION:

The Council reconvened into closed session at 7:11 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Council convened into open session at 7:21 p.m.

7.1 Discuss, Consider & Possible Action regarding matters discussed in closed session, and/or other actions necessary or recommended related to such discussions in closed session.

Council member O’Neal moved regarding closed session item 5.1(2) (A)to approve the Oil & Gas Lease with LP Operating, LLC. Council Member Koepp seconded the motion. Mayor Sucher called for a roll call vote. The motion passed 4 to 0.

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on a future City Council agenda
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
- City and community events attended and to be attended
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended

ADJOURN

On a motion by Council Member O’Neal and second by Council Member Koepp, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of September, 2022.



S.H. Sucher, Mayor



Kristina Vega, City Secretary